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The 1782 national banks throughout the country which have been organized since March, 1900, have a combined capital of \$104,000,000. It must be remembered that this capital is cash—not a drop of moisture. This is almost the only class of corporations of which that can be said.

The English language, according to a German statistician who has made a study of the comparative wealth of languages, heads the list with the enormous vocabulary of 260,000 words. German comes next with 80,000, then Italian with 75,000, French with 30,000, Turkish with 22,500, and Spanish with 20,000.

It is a surprising fact that more than one-fifth of the entire population of the United States was enrolled in 1902 as pupils in the common schools. The exact number is 15,925,857; nor does this include all who attended school, for when the number of pupils in private schools is added, the grand total reaches 18,080,840. Is it any wonder that the public school system of this country is the admiration of nearly all the rest of the world? Inquires a writer in the New York Tribune. The amount of schooling that each individual of the population is receiving on an average is a matter of general interest. In 1850, in the days of Horace Mann and his disciples in New England and elsewhere, each person received a schooling, all told, of 420 days; in 1902 each person's education occupied 1032 days, or 612 more days than the average person received in 1850. This means, of course, that the general average of intelligence is far higher than in former years.

Says the Chicago Tribune: Some idea of the magnitude of the lighting branch of electrical development may be gained from a recent bulletin issued by the Bureau of the Census, which gives the statistics of central electric light and power stations in the United States from 1881 to the end of 1902. At the time of enumeration there were 3620 electric stations in operation, representing a total cost of \$504,740,352 for construction and equipment. These stations furnished employment to 23,330 wage-earners, who received \$14,983,112 during the year. While the details of power plant equipment are of interest to electricians and engineers, public interest will attach chiefly to the significant fact that 22.5 per cent. of the total number of stations were operated under the control of municipalities. Of the 3620 stations, 815 were owned and operated by municipalities, supplying 50,759 arc lamps and 1,577,451 incandescent lamps. The municipal plants represented a total cost of \$22,020,472, and gave employment to 2467 wage-earners, who were paid \$1,422,341 in wages. The private stations represented 334,903 arc lamps, 16,616,593 incandescent lamps. The gross income from private plants for the year ended June, 1902, \$78,735,500.

If the women of England are smarting under the refusal of the lord chancellor to admit them to the practice of law they must wring their hands in the compliments and hopes quite generally tendered them from the opposite sex, declares the Boston Transcript. Almost every one of these consoling calls to mind the fact that fifty years ago it would have been extremely difficult if not impossible for a woman to be admitted to the practice of medicine in England and this alone, although it may not be strongly encouraging to the present fair practitioners, should buoy them up considerably since it seems to prove that in fifty years, at the outside, members of their sex will be as plentiful in the law as they are now in medicine. And incidental to citing the considerable struggle that women had to secure the coveted M. D. these purveyors of consolation relate any number of facts and circumstances as lights along the way of women's progress that may convince them the time is coming when it will be theirs to grant or refuse to men the privileges for which they sue, and sometimes in vain, in these days. Perhaps these chivalrous saviors of wounded ambitions have gone to unwarranted extremes in allowing that this may come to pass, but it should be said of them that "they mean well." They are enthused, carried away it may be said, by their subject, or subjects, to bounds which they didn't sight when they began their mission of sympathy.

A British scientist has figured out that days will be fifty-five hours long in 5,000,000,000 years from now. We are going to try and get on an eight-hour basis before that time.

# A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE BY THE REV. DR. ROBERT COLLYER.

He Took For His Subject "Light on a Hidden Way"—Every Life Should Be an Open, Self-Contained Providence—Lose Not Heart and Hope.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Dr. Robert Collyer, who recently passed his eightieth birthday, preached Sunday morning in the Second Unitarian Church. The audience filled the church and listened with great attention to the eloquent words of the famous "Light on a Hidden Way" for his subject. "Light on a Hidden Way" is a book whose author is said to be a man whose name is "Thomas Carlyle." "The Book of Job," says Thomas Carlyle, "is one of the greatest things ever written in a human tongue. It is a book which, in its first statement, in books, is the sublime in its narrow and recalcitrant; a choral melody, old as the heart of man, set as the summer mid-night, in the world with its seas and stars; and there is no other thing in the Bible, or out of it, of equal merit. I suppose it is not possible now to tell whether the book is a true story or a sort of Oriental drama. The question is one that will always keep the critics at work as long as there are critics and what ought, in all fairness, to be called not rational schools in theology. My own idea is that the real outline of the story was floating about the desert, as the story of Lear or Macbeth floated about in later times among our own forefathers, and that, like those great dramas, it was taken into the heart of some man now forgotten and again re-created by the hand of the divine spirit, and that the book will bear it out through all time. But whatever the truth may be in this direction, the fact is that when Job put his question I have taken for a text he was far down in the world as a man can be who had not sinned by sin.

Job had been the richest man in the country, honored by all who knew him. He had a great name, his goodness and wisdom were now so poor that he says, men derided him whose fathers he would not have been. He had a great name, his goodness and wisdom were now so poor that he says, men derided him whose fathers he would not have been. He had a great name, his goodness and wisdom were now so poor that he says, men derided him whose fathers he would not have been.

Two things in this sad time, seem to have smitten Job with unconquerable pain. First, he could no longer see his children, and secondly, he could no longer see his wife. He had been a man of great wealth and power, and now he was a man of great poverty and pain. He had been a man of great wealth and power, and now he was a man of great poverty and pain.

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will find everywhere this discord between the longings that fill the soul and what the man can do. Our life, as some one said of the Cathedral of Cologne, seems to be a broken promise. The soul is a broken promise.

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to wait for Robert Burns, the son; Bernardo Tasso; William Herschel left many a problem in the heavens for John Herschel to make clear; Leopold Mozart wrestled with music; that Chrysothom Mozart found afterwards of themselves in every chamber of his brain, and Raymond Bonheur used his daughter Rosa to come and paint out his pictures for him. Dr. Reid has said, that when the bee makes its cell, its architect, only, the architect is not in the bee, but in the Maker there is made the bee. Alas, if in the Maker there is no such order for us as there is for the bee! If God so instruct the bee; if God so feed the bird; if even the lions, roaring after their prey, seek their meat from the sky; if He no only holds the limnet on the spray, but the lion on the spring, how shall we dare lose heart and hope? So, then, while we may not know what trials wait on any of us, we can believe that as the days in which this man wrestled with his malady, and are one only days that make him worth remembrance, and but for which his name had never been written in the book of men, so the days through which we struggle, finding no way, but never losing the light, will be the most significant we are called to live. We are called to live, and we are called to live, and we are called to live.

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# EPTOME OF WAR NEWS

## Cable Reports of Movements of Russ and Jap in Momentous Struggle Now Going on in Far East.

### PORT ARTHUR IS REATTACKED BRUTALITY LAID TO RUSSIANS

Such Report Reaches Fokio. Viceroy Alexieff Leaves the City With General Staff.

In Line With the Usual Barbarous Custom, Soldiers of Czar Wreak Their Ire on Defenseless Women.

A report reached Tokio Tuesday that the Japanese torpedo fleet re-attacked the Russian fleet at Port Arthur February 14, and it is thought that one Russian warship was damaged.

Advices from New Chwang state that atrocities are daily perpetrated on foreigners and natives, both by the organized police and roaming troops, which makes it impossible for the civil administrator of the city to control the situation. It is feared that a reign of terror will be precipitated if the neutral powers remain inactive. A captain of police, with ten soldiers, without any provocation, destroyed the hotel owned by a German, whose three Japanese guests had registered under the protection of the civil administrator. These Japanese were bound, stabbed and robbed of food, money and jewelry. They were rescued with difficulty by United States Consul Miller, together with three women refugees, all of whom the civil administrator assured Mr. Miller would be protected.

Viceroy Alexieff left Port Arthur Tuesday, proceeding to Harbin with General Prug, the chief of staff, and the general staff.

The administration admits the gravity of the situation, but declares that Viceroy alone can remedy. It is believed, however, that the maintenance of order at this treaty port and the prevention of these violations of international right can be insured only by an international proclamation, supported by an armed force.

The London papers attach the greatest significance to the departure of Viceroy Alexieff from Port Arthur, and comment upon the sudden throwing of Russian troops into New Chwang as indicating Russian apprehension that Port Arthur is in danger, and that the Japanese attack may not, after all, be made where it is expected, on the Yalu. All the reports tend to confirm the impression that Russia has little or nothing to expect from sea operations.

The government is receiving additional circumstantial reports of alleged cruelties of the Russians toward Japanese refugees from Manchuria.

According to special dispatches published in London Tuesday morning from Tokio, the Russian squadron has returned to Vladivostok.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Daily Mail says in a dispatch that two Russian warships appeared off Ok Island, in the southern part of the Japanese sea, on Sunday.

The correspondent at Chemulpo of the Daily Express makes the astonishing statement that Japan has already landed 120,000 troops in Korea, 80,000 of whom are extended along the fighting front south of the Yalu river.

The Japanese consul general at Tientsin has just telegraphed the authorities in Tokio, giving a recital of the story told by thirteen women who just arrived at Shan-Hai-Kwan. The women were residing at Harbin and started south on February 9 with 300 companions. One-half of these women who reached Moukden were ordered to leave the train by Russian soldiers who cruelly abused them and detained the party, which they finally divided, the men being ordered to proceed to Port Arthur. The women were sent to New Chwang, where United States Consul Miller provided food and transportation for them to Shan-Hai-Kwan.

An Associated Press dispatch from Tokio, says: The Japanese have captured at least five Russian motorized steamers, including the Ekaterovsk of the volunteer fleet, the Moukden, and the Argonau Alcazar.

The women say they saw several Japanese refugees cruelly beaten and wounded. They say that the Russian soldiers robbed them of money and jewelry. Some of the Japanese escaped punishment by bribing the soldiers.

The St. Petersburg Associated Press correspondent of Tagliche Rundschau says that 600 Russian soldiers have been frozen to death while marching across Lake Balkal, Eastern Siberia, on the ice.

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The correspondent adds that the temporary railroad across the lake is not yet completed, and that a large detachment of troops was sent on a 22-mile march over the ice covered lake and that it is presumed that part of these lost their way in a snow storm and perished.

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Threatening demonstrations have been made at Ying Kow against the British gunboat Epsigle and the United States gunboat Helena by Russian soldiers, whose assaults upon and depredations against other foreigners continue. The civil administrator is making every effort to arrest the offenders and has assured Captains Barton and Sawyer and Consul Miller that full reparation will be made.

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Crime of Rape Denied by Negro Before Court at Roanoke. Htnry Williams, the assailant of Mrs. Shields and her little daughter, arrived in Roanoke, Va., Tuesday, from Richmond, with a heavy military guard. At the depot an immense crowd had assembled, but it was un-demonstrative and the prisoner was marched through it to the court house.

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Trusted Employee of Milledgeville Institution Shoots Himself Twice. Claude H. Troutman, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants' bank, at Milledgeville, Ga., shot himself twice just above the left nipple Tuesday night with suicidal intent.

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Explanation Made as to Why Troutman Shot Himself. C. H. Troutman, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' bank, of Milledgeville, Ga., who shot himself, is treasurer of the state sanitarium and is said to be short in his accounts about \$23,000. Speculation in cotton is thought to have caused this shortage. Mr. Troutman is under a \$40,000 bond and the state is fully protected.

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Robbers Loot Express Safe. Messenger at Barnett, Ga., Found His Money Box Short \$1,000. One thousand dollars in currency being sent to Augusta, Ga., by the Bank of Wilkes, of Washington, was taken from the safe of the Southern Express Company between Washington and Barnett.

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Anti-Treating Bill Passed. South Carolina Senate Favors Clean Elections in Unique Measure. In the South Carolina senate the "anti-treating" at elections bill was passed, but it was so changed from its original shape that it could hardly be recognized. The bill provides that any one who shall treat a voter within one mile of a voting precinct shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment for thirty days with labor.

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Upper House Will Vote Ratification of the Canal Treaty February 23. A Washington special says: The senate, in executive session, Monday agreed to vote on the ratification of the Panama canal treaty on February 23.

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BRYAN IN MONTGOMERY.

Nebraskan Denies Charge that He Voted Against Speaker Crisp.

William J. Bryan delivered an address in Montgomery, Ala., Thursday night on "Moral Issues" to one of the largest gatherings ever seen in the city.

During his remarks Mr. Bryan took occasion to deny the accusation made against him that he voted against Speaker Crisp, when he was running for speaker, because he was an ex-confederate. He stated the records will show that he voted for Mr. Crisp twice.